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News Briefs

Club off-limits

Maj. Gen. Mark McDonald, Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill commanding general, has placed the **Platinum Gentlemen's Club**, 12402 Old Cache Road, Lawton, **off-limits**. This location will remain off-limits regardless of the establishment's name, management or ownership. The order will remain in effect until further notice. Regulations permit the Platinum Gentlemen's Club to appeal the off-limits declaration at any time.

Black History month

Fort Sill will celebrate Black History Month with a luncheon **Feb. 21** at 11:30 a.m. at the Patriot Club. The guest speaker will be Albert Johnson Jr., Cameron University vice president. This event is sold out.

Water repairs

Parallel parking on the east side of **McNair Avenue is blocked through March 3** for a water line installation. There will also be water outages in buildings 730 and 755-759 March 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Water restriction

Fort Sill is under **Level 3 water restrictions**. That means no outside watering except on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Conserve water whenever possible. Water restrictions for post are determined by the levels of Lake Lawtonka, Lake Ellsworth and Waurika Lake, which serve as reservoirs for Lawton.

Road repairs

Hunt Road, from Sheridan to Hirsch Road, as well as 500 feet of Hirsch Road, from Hunt Road to Burrill Road, are closed for repaving until **Feb. 15**. Center Point Energy will repair a natural gas line **Feb. 17** from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. **closing the west bound lane of Rogers Lane** between Sheridan Road and Fort Sill Boulevard. Traffic will be diverted while the work is being done.

Weapons safety class

A basic weapons safety class is **Feb. 22** from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 2774, Ringgold Road, the installation safety class facility. Instruction covers loading and unloading, clearing procedures, disassembly for cleaning and Fort Sill regulations for transporting and storing weapons. Attendees are encouraged to bring their weapons, but not ammunition. The training is open to active duty, Reserve, DA and DoD civilians and military family members. Weapons must be registered with military police (Bldg. 4700, second floor). For more information, or to register, call 442-2266/2265/2212.

Reclamation sale

Upcoming Fort Sill reclamation sales are **Feb. 23** and **March 16** from 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 2102, Currie Road. Customers may purchase an Army Service Uniform, but are limited to one. Sales are cash only, and a military ID card is required to make a purchase. For more information call 442-2712.



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RACH clinic moves

The Orthopedic/Podiatry/Brace Shop clinics are closed to move to their newly renovated clinical area. These clinics will reopen **Feb. 19** and resume normal hours.

Tax center open

The Fort Sill Installation **Tax Assistance Center is open** Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Welcome Center, Bldg. 4700 Mow-Way. Federal and state returns are prepared and e-filed for free. The center is only seeing walk-in customers and appointments will begin **Feb. 20**. For more information, call 442-6445 or visit **sill-www.army.mil/Jag/Tax%20Center.html**.

More road work

- **Hirsch Road and a portion of Hunt Road** reconstruction from Sheridan Road west to Hirsch Road is scheduled to continue until **May 15**. Phase 1 includes Hunt Road to the north side of the intersection of Hirsch and Searight roads. One lane on Hirsch Road will remain open to traffic at all times during construction, flag people or pilot vehicles will direct traffic on Hirsch. Hunt Road from Sheridan to Hirsch will be closed to all traffic during construction. Officials expect to reopen this section in February, weather permitting. Phase 2 will work the remainder of Hirsch Road from Searight north to Gatley Road. Drivers can expect rough and uneven driving surfaces. Pilot vehicles or flaggers will also direct traffic during this phase. Drivers are encouraged to find alternate routes, obey flaggers or pilot vehicles and posted speed limits. Watch out for construction workers and yield for their safety. For more information call Hershel Tuck at 442-6524 or Gary Haynie at 442-3898.
- **Mow-Way Road expansion work** is under way to widen it to four lanes from Sheridan Road to Cubbison Road, just past the 31st Air Defense Artillery headquarters. **This is a yearlong project.** A short segment of Burrill Road from Bldg. 3354 (1-17th FA motor pool) to Bldg. 3386 (100th BSB maintenance) is closed for replacement. The project will last through April 2014. Barricades are in place to redirect motorists.

Fighthouse now open

The Fort Sill Fighthouse is now open and ready for training. It's at 1503 Bateman Road. To schedule unit combatives, call 442-8056.

Transition assist

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is a congressionally mandated transition program for all Soldiers who have served at least 180 consecutive days active duty. Prospective retirees can begin ACAP at two years prior to retirement; Soldiers who are leaving the Army are required to start the program no later than 12 months from their expiration term of service date. All chapters and Soldiers going through medical or physical evaluation boards **need to start the program immediately.**

The *Veterans Opportunity to Work to Hire Heroes Act*, implemented Nov. 21, 2012, **requires mandatory ACAP pre-separation counseling**, a Veteran Affairs briefing and a Department of Labor employment workshop for all Soldiers. Pre-separation briefings can be scheduled by calling 442-2222/2713 or online at **www.acap.army.mil**.



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Family retreat

The Installation Chaplain's Office is offering a ***Strong Bonds Training*** event for officers, NCOs and Soldiers of the FCoE and Garrison, **March 8-10** at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City. This event is for Soldiers and their families who have been deployed or are about to be deployed, and deals with reunion issues and dynamics. The event is free, and child care is provided. Sign up is on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Religious Support Office. A mandatory pre-brief is at Graham Resiliency Training Campus, **Feb. 28** at 3 p.m. in Room 144. Due to Appropriated Funding involvement, a memo requiring permission of the company commander or first sergeant for attendance will be handed out at sign up and must be returned by the pre-brief. Call the RSO at 442-3302 for more information.

Airborne association

The Oklahoma Airborne Chapter, incorporated with the 82nd Airborne Division Association, is having a reunion and pig roast **March 23** at noon at the VFW in El Reno, Okla. Current and former airborne Soldiers, jump school graduates and their family members are invited. For more information or to RSVP, call 918-908 0266, or email j-ring@live.com.

Businesses off-limits

Maj. Gen. Mark McDonald, Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill commanding general, has placed the following Lawton businesses off limits to all military personnel: Zag Man's Interesting Gifts, Half Price Novelties, Chiefs Smokin' Icehouse, The Other Place, East Side Smoke Shop, Qwik-N-Go, Puff 'n Stuff, and Lynn's Books, Body Jewelry, Etc. These businesses were placed off limits to protect the health, safety, morale, welfare and discipline of service members. The order applies to all military personnel assigned to, attached to or in a temporary duty status at military units or installations in Oklahoma, Arkansas and north Texas. Soldiers, Marines, airmen and sailors who violate the order may be subject to disciplinary actions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Retreat honors

Gate security guards stop inbound and outbound traffic daily at 5 p.m. at all access control points to facilitate the installation's retreat ceremony. The following traffic control points are also set up at intersections to assist with retreat protocol: Sheridan Road at Fort Sill Boulevard; Sheridan at Mow-Way roads; Tower Two at Mow-Way roads; Sheridan at Randolph roads; Fort Sill Boulevard at Mow-Way Road; and Randolph at Currie roads.

Drug testing

The Department of Defense Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratories will now add four prescription drugs to the rotational drug testing panel for Soldiers. Every specimen collected will be tested for marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines (including methamphetamines, MDMA (ecstasy), MDA, and MDEA), heroin, and from one to four other drugs. The additional drugs will be chosen on a rotational basis from a group that includes opiates (morphine and codeine), PCP, oxycodone/oxymorphone (commonly known as OxyContin), hydrocodone/ hydromorphone and selected benzodiazepines prescription drugs (lorazepam, nordazepam, oxazepam, temazepam, and a-hydroxy-alprazolam).

Well being center

Fort Sill's Well Being-Army Substance Abuse Center offers employee assistance, suicide prevention and many other programs. It is located in Bldg. 3415 Miner Road. For more information, call 442-4205.



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Workforce pride

Check out Fort Sill's Workforce Pride Newsletter. There's information about the top future jobs, Fort Sill drill sergeants speak up about what laws they would enact if they were president, and there's even tips on how to lower your cholesterol: sill-www.army.mil/USAG/DHR/ASAP/index.htm.

Fort Sill update

Maj. Gen. Mark McDonald, Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill commanding general, discusses Fort Sill topics Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. on K-LAW 101. Talking to hosts Frank Seres and Jeri Anderson, McDonald will update listeners about [what's happening on post, and what Soldiers, family members and the community need to know. The broadcast is accessible on 101.3 FM or K-LAW.

Appointment times

The hours for the RACH central appointments line (558-2000) are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. RACH has implemented schedule changes that will allow more access to beneficiaries throughout the day and will make it unnecessary to call first thing in the morning to get appointments. Also, TRICARE Online is available 24 hours a day to schedule primary care appointments. Register at www.tricareonline.com.

Medical moves

The Integrated Disability Evaluation System Clinic, including administrative staff, providers and nurse case managers, is in Bldg. T3264, Crane Avenue. The information desk numbers are 558-0005/0025. The new clinic is due to reopen in the hospital in September.

ID cards

The ID card facility is open for appointments only Mondays through Fridays from 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Emergency customers, such as those people who lose their ID cards, should call for an appointment or visit the facility. Walk-in emergencies will be handled if there are open appointment times. If not, all emergency requests will be handled within 24 hours of initial contact. For more information, call 442-5010.

Post thrift shop

The thrift shop is open to the public for purchases, however, to consign items one must be a military ID card holder. It's behind the PX-tra at Bldg. 1712 Gruber Road. Sale hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, from 9-11 a.m.; and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignment hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and for military personnel in uniform, Tuesdays through Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The thrift shop is on Facebook and the Web at thriftshopatfortsill.com. For more information, call 355-8731.

E-9 meeting

The Fort Sill Sergeants Major Association meets the first Friday monthly from 5-6 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5263, 103 NE 20th St. in Lawton. The association is open to all active and retired E-9s. For more information, call Jeanette Clement, association secretary, at 695-9172.